



MEETING RECAP

VISION 2050 SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, November 2, 2009

Location: Tri Point YMCA

Subject: Vision 2050 San Antonio International Airport Master Plan

The meeting was convened at: 1:30pm

Attendees:

Community Advisory Committee members:

Joe Aceves, Bexar County Infrastructure Services
George Antuna, City of Schertz
Gloria Arriaga, Alamo Area Council of Governments
Marco Barros, San Antonio Tourism Council
Stephanie Bocanegra, San Antonio Water System
Mary Rose Brown, NuStar Energy
Kyle Burns, Free Trade Alliance
Maria Ferrier, Texas A&M San Antonio
Bill Fitzgibbons, Blue Star Arts Complex
Rudy Garcia, City of Leon Valley
Priscilla Ingle, VIA Metropolitan Transit
Andrea Marks, University Health Science Center San Antonio
Linda Rivas, University Health System
Rob Sult, Real Estate Council of San Antonio
Florence Terrell, San Antonio Board of Realtors

Representing the San Antonio International Airport:

Barbara Prossen, Community Relations
Richard Johnson, Public Relations Director

Representing the project team:

Holland Young, Jacobs Consultancy
Julie Gueho, Jacobs Consultancy
Larry Bauman, AECOM



Jeff Webster, AECOM
Michael Gallis, Gallis and Associates
Jeff Coyle, KGBTexas

Discussion:

1. Larry Bauman, project manager from AECOM opened the meeting, presented the agenda and provided an overview of the Vision 2050 Airport Master Plan. He indicated the mission of the 18-month project is to develop a master plan for the San Antonio International Airport (SAT) that supports and enhances the future mission of the San Antonio region. Vision 2050 will include a specific master plan for the next 20 years of the airport's growth to ensure the airport's site and facilities can accommodate demand and activity through 2030. The master plan will also look at the airport's long-term role in the region and how it best serves as an engine for economic growth, enhances trade relationships, facilitates an integrated multimodal transportation system and protects the region's natural, historical and cultural resources. The master plan will be community-driven, guided by approximately 100 people on three advisory committees that represent a broad cross-section of the San Antonio community. Committee members include representatives of government, business, military, tourism, transportation, environment, real estate, neighborhoods and the arts.
2. Holland Young, project manager with Jacobs Consultancy discussed airport activity and outlined existing airport facilities.

A power point presentation served as the format for discussion. A copy of the presentation will be made available on the project web site:

www.sanantonio.gov/aviation

3. Michael Gallis, representing Gallis and Associates, discussed the context for the master plan and explained the process for developing a vision for the airport. After his presentation, Mr. Gallis asked each committee member to provide their opinion of and goals and vision for the airport. The following goals and observations were shared:



Education

- Institutions of higher learning in San Antonio want to attract premier students and researchers so direct access to cities is important. Light rail that travels to the airport from local universities would also benefit recruitment efforts.
- SAT should work with local universities to develop degree and internship programs to provide students with career opportunities in the aviation industry.
- Providing more international flights would greatly benefit many university faculty exchange programs.

Economic Development

- An enhanced national and international airport would create jobs and encourage investment. We need to provide direct access to markets throughout the world for economic development.
- We must identify ways to boost international trade so people realize it's easy and worthwhile to invest here.
- Culture and art is San Antonio's 4th largest economy. Soon San Antonio will welcome more than 30 million tourists annually, many of whom are cultural tourists and we need to make airport welcoming to them.

Vision and Planning

- We need to incorporate regional airports (Stinson and Port San Antonio) into the master planning process.

Transportation

- We need to coordinate all forms of transportation in San Antonio to create a multimodal system.
- 24 municipalities in San Antonio need access to the airport. Density on I-35 calls for a mode of transportation to move people to and from the airport.
- We must provide access to the airport for all San Antonians, with or without cars.
- The master plan should integrate all transportation systems.
- We need to develop and encourage the partnership between Port SA and SAT to streamline multimodal transportation.



Innovation, aesthetics and location

- The airport always seems to be in transition.
- We should improve the friendliness of the airport.
- SAT should feel and look like San Antonio.
- The airport needs public art. A traveler's first impression should be that SAT is aesthetically pleasing.
- We must keep in mind how the master plan will affect surrounding neighborhoods in terms of noise and lighting.

Environment

- Air quality should be a consideration. SAT should produce additional green jobs.
- We must ensure SAT's water needs are met and promote sustainability.

Capacity

- As visitors continue to travel to San Antonio, airlines will face challenges. We need to be able to accommodate increasing number of tourists.

Following the goals and visioning discussion, Mr. Gallis asked each member to participate in a "rapid round," by providing a brief, one-sentence goal for SAT. The following is a list of goals verbalized:

- SAT needs a single terminal for all rental car returns.
- Travelers should be able to get their luggage more quickly.
- The airport should always look nice, even when it is under construction.
- SAT should partner with universities to create educational programs to promote careers in aviation.
- Our airport's first impression is important.
- SAT should offer more direct flights, both domestic and international.
- This master plan should provide plans for regional transportation synergy.
- SAT should offer more direct flights to attract businesses to San Antonio.
- Accessibility – getting to the airport from locations throughout the region – is extremely important.
- The master plan should integrate all plans and investments being made in infrastructure, transportation, health care
- We need to improve shuttle services, park and ride and other transportation options to transport travelers to and from the airport.
- New construction and changes to the airport should consult the art community to ensure both the interior and exterior exhibit the culture of San Antonio.